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1. CAIRO PRESS FEBRUARY 4 CITING SOURCES "CLOSE TO PARTIES INVOLVED" SAYS PRESIDENT SADAT IS INTENSIFYING HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTION IN SHARA, AND SPOKE BY TELEPHONE PREVIOUS DAY ONCE AGAIN WITH HASSAN AND BOUMEDIENNE.

2. ALGERIAN DAILY AL-MUJAHID IS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING "SOME OPTISIM" VIS-A-VIS INTENSIFIED CONSULTATIONS NOW UNDERWAY. (COMMENT: THIS CAIRO REPORT DOES NOT SQUARE WITH BBC BROADCAST YESTERDAY SAYING MUJAHID HAD BEEN TEPID ON ARAB MEDIATION AND HAD EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR UN EFFORT.)

3. REPORTEDLY OAU'S SYG WILL ARRIVE CAIRO FEBRUARY 4 TO
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DISCUSS WITH ARAB LEAGUE SYG POSSIBILITY OF ARAB-

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AFRICAN INITIATIVE IN SHARA. HE WILL BE
HERE FOR THREE DAYS AND WILL ALSO TAKEUP ARAB-AFRICAN
COOPERATION MATTERS INCLUDING SETTING DATE FOR AFRO-
ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

4. AHRAM HAS REPORT THAT NUMBER OF PROMINENT ARABS LIVING
IN CAIRO HAVE ADDRESSED APPEAL TO ALL ARAB GOVERNMENTS URGING
COMBINED EFFORT TO STOP SAHARA FIGHTING AND PROPOSING
FORMATION OF HIGHER ARAB COMMITTEE TO PROCEED TO AREA.
SUCH COMMITTEE WOULD INCLUDED ARAB LEAGUE SYG, THREE ARAB
FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BE CHOSEN BY ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL, THREE
SENIOR ARAB JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, AND THREE PROMINENT ARAB
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